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No ifs, ands, or buts in battle over VAT

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Michelle V. Remo

THE BATTLE LINES OVER THE UNLOVED value-added tax (VAT) are drawn.

A day after President Macapagal-Arroyo fiercely defended the 12-percent tax on fuel products, a group of opposition and administration party senators, Roman Catholic bishops and members of civil society joined ranks in pushing either for the outright abolition of the tax or for its reduction.

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2 RP films to open, close Venice film fest

By Ruben V. Nepales
Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—TWO FILIPINO FILMS WILL open and close the Orizzonti (Horizons) section of the Venice Film Festival, one of the most prestigious international film festivals and known as the world's oldest.

Lav Diaz's "Melancholia" and Francis

[OPENS/A13]

Lopez says it's as if Marcos never left



OSCAR LOPEZ (Winston) Garcia wants Meralco for his ... Cebu City

Transparency a must for any gov't—Giuliani

By Dasho L. Lucas

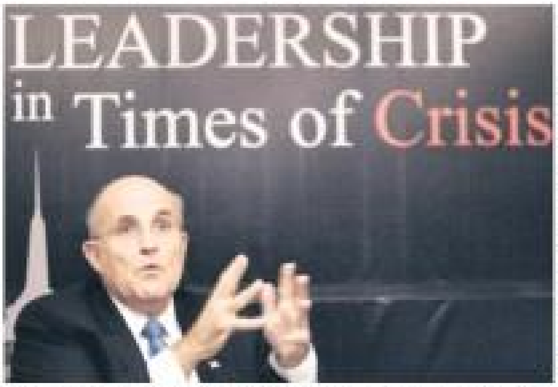
TAKE IT FROM "RUDY THE Rock."

Governments must be transparent, their leaders honest and principled rather than obsessed with popularity, if they are to earn the people's trust.

As one avid listener put it, former New York Mayor Rudolph "Rudy" Giuliani made familiar leadership tenets sound so fresh and timely to his Filipino audience of government and corporate VIPs at an exclusive, pricey gathering at the Makati Shangri-La hotel yesterday.

Giuliani, who had earned world praise for his crisis management in the wake of the

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"RUDY THE ROCK" Former mayor of New York who drastically cut the crime rate in the city that never sleeps, Rudy Giuliani became a global figure for his awesome leadership during and in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001 on the World Trade Center. That year, he was named Time Man of the Year. In 2002, he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II of England.

'ABS-CBN is the real target, not Meralco'

By Dasho L. Lucas

THE PATRIARCH OF THE LOPEZ FAMILY YESTERday came out swinging at the Arroyo administration and its officials, saying that with what had been happening, it was as though Ferdinand Marcos' dictatorship had not ended.

Oscar M. Lopez, who chairs Manila Electric Co., also accused Winston Garcia, president and general manager of the Government Service Insurance System, of trying to orchestrate a takeover of the Lopez family's flagship firm in a "reverse privatization."

Lopez made his remarks in a speech that elicited nods and gasps from the audience during the forum "Leadership in Times of Crisis" held in Makati City. The forum had former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani as keynote speaker.

According to Lopez, politicians tend to hit his family as a reflex action after they "get themselves into trouble." He said this was true during the term of Marcos. "The then Presi-

LOPEZ SAYS/ A6

4 gov't agencies hit for allowing Ceza car trade

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE HEADS OF FOUR GOVERNMENT agencies are liable for violating the antigraft law by turning a blind eye to the thriving used-car import business in the Cagayan Economic Zone (CEZ), Sen. Francis Escudero yesterday said at the Senate hearing on the alleged smuggling in the zone.

Escudero was referring to the heads of the Department of Finance, Bureau of Customs (BOC), Bureau of Internal Revenue and Land Transportation Office (LTO).

The American Chamber of Commerce (Amcham) has claimed that the used-car import business in the CEZ is "illegal and contrary" to President Macapagal-Arroyo's executive order that was upheld by the Supreme Court.

Escudero noted that the heads of these agencies were all presidential appointees and yet they were defying Ms Arroyo's order.

"They do not follow the law, especially when it involves the CEZ. This is illegal and this should not be allowed," said Escudero, chair of the ways and means committee that conducted the hearing.

Based on their testimony, officials of the four agencies knew that importing used vehicles into the country was banned under Executive Order No. 156, causing them to

4 GOV'T/ A11



NO COMMENT, says John Forbes (right) of the American Chamber of Commerce when asked about an "internal draft report" on Port Irene circulated within the chamber. At left is Robert Sears, Amcham executive director.

Who's afraid of JPE? Gentler, kinder Senate

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE SENATE HEARING ON THE alleged car smuggling at Port Irene in Cagayan turned out to be a dud after senators avoided grilling James Kocher, a son-in-law of Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile and officials of the American Chamber of Commerce.

At the outset, Sen. Francis Escudero, chair of the ways and means committee, said the hearing was not about whether second-hand imports were good or bad for the country.

He said the main issue was whether used-car imports were

WHO'S AFRAID/ A10



CURIOUSLY, not one of the Senate probers asks a single question from Enrile's son-in-law, James Kocher. (here in file photo from a press conference last week with his father-in-law).

It's not over for population bills in House

By Christian V. Esguerra and TJ Burgonio

NOW THAT PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has reiterated her preference for natural family planning in her State of the Nation Address (Sona), is it finally over for the controversial reproductive health (RH) bill at the House of Representatives?

No way, the leading proponents of the measure, mostly administration lawmakers, said yesterday.

"It was not a statement of doom [but] only a statement of her preference," said Albay Rep. Edcel Lagman, principal author of the bill that seeks to provide couples a choice of natural and artificial methods of contraception.

IT'S NOT/ A11

WAKE-UP CALL IN THE MILITARY

Critic says reforms in AFP just 'palliatives'

By Nikko Dizon

(Last of three parts)

IS THE ARROYO ADMINISTRATION serious in implementing much-needed reforms in the 120,000-strong Armed Forces of the Philippines?

Five years after the Oakwood mutiny, Jose Antonio Custodio, a military historian and professor at University of Asia and the Pacific, remains skeptical.

"The government is serious in dealing with issues that will protect its continuous term in office up to 2010. Whatever it does is within that frame-

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Fernando del Mundo
Chief

work. It will reform the military if it helps to stave off problems," Custodio says.

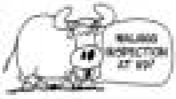
Custodio is wary that most of the "reforms" in the military that the administration is trumpeting are merely "palliatives" to defuse destabilization attempts. He points out that what is needed are "substantial measures," especially on the issue of corruption.

He refers to the unexplained wealth charges against former AFP comptroller Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia and the "Hello Garci" election fraud

CRITIC/ A20



LAND CONVERSION On this site of many a protest action (this one over the detention of Randall Echanis, KMP activist of Palo, Leyte, who was brought to the PNP Custodial Center) and dreaded detention center during the martial law years will rise the PNP mall.



Camp Crame mall? Yes, and a high-rise, too

By Alcuin Papa

DON'T BE SURPRISED IF YOU see more and more policemen spending their free time in a mall.

And it won't be an ordinary mall they'll be going to. It will probably be the most tightly secured shopping place in the country.

A feared detention center for thousands of dissidents during the martial law years and a

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GSIS asks SC to step into row

Teachers poised to sue GSIS

By Jerry E. Esplanada

Question of jurisdiction raised

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE GOVERNMENT SERvice Insurance System wants the Supreme Court to step into the dispute in the Court of Appeals among justices claiming jurisdiction over a case involving the GSIS and Manila Electric Co. (Meralco).

Court was reorganized

No irregularity

Permanent 50¢ text? It's all up to telcos

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5 OFWs die in Riyadh road accident

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Detained peasant leader transferred to Crame



By Joey Gabieta
Inquirer Visayas

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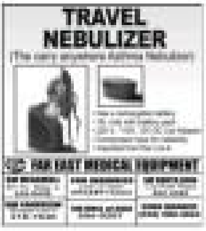


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It's getting close: PNP chief looks forward to retirement



RAZON





GMA to propose P1.4-trillion budget for 2009

Archbishop pleads not guilty

By Tina G. Santos

Corrections

Plot to unseat Villar failed over division of spoils

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

AN ATTEMPT TO oust Senate President Manuel Villar collapsed over disagreements on the division of committee chairmanships, with opposition senators backing out at the last minute upon learning that an administration ally would take over as chair of the blue ribbon committee.

This was revealed by an opposition senator who claimed the rocky group had already gathered as many as 13 votes, out of the chamber's total of 23 senators, to oust Villar just days before the re-opening of Congress last July 28.

The source, who requested anonymity, said the oust-Villar move, allegedly led by Sen. Edgardo Angara, unraveled when the participants discussed who would be awarded what committees by the new Senate President.

Things came to a head when the administration bloc in the insurgent group suggested that either Senators Joker Arroyo or Richard Gordon take over the blue ribbon committee that is now chaired by opposition Sen. Alan Peter Cayetano.

Several opposition senators balked at the proposal, which proved to be the deal breaker as they all backed out of the short-lived alliance.

Angara denied that he had instigated the attempted Senate leadership shake-up. He said he was approached by one of its proponents to be the next Senate President, and he said he would only agree if he got the numbers, or the majority vote.

Sen. Manuel Roxas, chair of the Liberal Party, said that he was not aware of any move to change the Senate leadership, though reiterating that he was not in favor of Villar continuing to hold power.

"I am happy being in the minority because this has not stopped me passing bills such as the cheaper medicines bill and tax exemption for minimum wage earners," said Roxas.

Gordon confirmed that he was also approached by the group and that their number had indeed reached 13, or more than enough votes to oust Villar.

"There are things that happen in a situation where the parties are really nebulous. There are no party lines here, it's a conglomeration of personalities. I think the people behind this, if I would speculate, are worried about the 2010 elections. They would like to see somebody who is not running for the presidency in 2010. So I think they are poking some other people to sit just to level the playing field," said Gordon.

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GARCIA

Democratic country

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Failed takeover

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Bishops dismayed

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Dream within reach

Housing for cops

Opposition solon's brother is new Navy chief

By Alcuin Papa

Meritocracy

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Taxes can't legalize trade

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Madness in this world



"MELANCHOLIA" Director Lav Diaz (right) is directing a difficult scene involving the deaths of several people

'It's really cool'

Synopsis

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3rd prize P30,000.00
12 consolation prizes P5,000.00 each
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It's not over for population bills in House

From page A1

Part of the President's remarks in her report to the nation on Monday was this: "Informed choice should mean letting many couples, who are mostly Catholics, know about natural family planning."

She also said natural family planning was a key factor in the low population growth rate.

Iloilo Rep. Janette Garin expressed "respect" for Ms Arroyo's position but said she would still push for the passage of the bill set to be calendared for second reading by the House committee on rules.

"That was her personal opinion," Garin said. "But to me, informed choice means you present everything, both artificial and natural methods, and let couples decide."

Battle in rules panel

Senior Deputy Minority Floor Leader Roilo Golez, who is on the side of those opposed to the measure, including the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, said he has appealed to Speaker Prospero Nograles and Majority Leader Arthur Defensor.

"The battle will be in the rules committee, which decides when a bill is calendared for plenary debate," Golez said.

In a press conference yesterday, Nograles invited congressmen to submit in writing their proposed amendments to the RH bill.

"It will not be as bloody as you think," he told reporters, referring to deliberations on the measure. "We will collate all [the proposed amendments] and try to find out what we can accept and cannot accept .... We will get a consensus."

An issue that does not sit well with the opposing camp is the use of taxpayers' money to purchase contraceptives such as pills, injectibles and intrauterine devices.

Lagman said this had to be so because the measure was aimed at providing not only "information" on but also "access" to all family planning methods.

"Once couples have information and decide on using artificial methods, access should be available," he said.

Categorical stance urged

Despite Ms Arroyo's plug for natural family planning in her Sona, CBCP officials were [illegible].

"[Her] statement heavily favors the Church's program on natural family planning, which is a very good start. But a more categorical [stance] is expected by the bishops—for her not to promote the RH bill which, [as] a whole, is a failure in rich and developed countries," said Archbishop Paciano Aniceto of San Fernando, Pampanga, who chairs the CBCP's Commission on Family and Life.

"It seemed she was more focused on accomplishments and projects for the improvement of the economy," the archbishop said, adding:

"She said that by promoting natural planning and female education, the population has been curbed during her administration. This is the same conclusion of the New York Council on Planned Parenthood."

According to Aniceto, the President should reject an RH program that promotes the use of artificial contraception because such a program has "wreaked havoc on the morality of families and youth in the West."

Reiterating the CBCP stand, Aniceto urged the Arroyo administration to "transform population into human capital by providing more funds for programs on education, infrastructure and subsidy to farmers in all aspects of their agricultural needs."

He also called for more support for poor overseas Filipino workers who, he said, "are the ones actually supporting the economy not the rich."

"In other words, her government must start an alternative development program that is in consonance with the dignity and moral values of the Filipino," he said.

'Good for her'

Archbishop Jesus Dosado of Ozamis City reacted to Ms Arroyo's statement of support for natural family planning with a tepid "Good for her."

"What she should do should be according to the natural law," Dosado said.

Archbishop Ramon Arguelles of Lipa City said Ms Arroyo should show her sincerity by explicitly opposing the Philippine Legislators' Council for Population and Development, the umbrella group of lawmakers and private organizations lobbying for a national RH policy.

"Reproductive health bills really mean abortion," Arguelles told the Church-run Radio Veritas.

Dosado, who had stirred controversy with a pastoral letter saying "proabortion" politicians would be denied holy communion, said those backing the RH bill in the House could suffer the same fate.

"I remind it to people legislating for reproductive health," he told the Inquirer on the phone.

"The bill hides many things. It doesn't mandate abortion but there are things that are hidden in it that would lead eventually to abortion," he said.

Dosado expressed concern over such provisions as mandatory sex education, widespread distribution of contraceptives, and the classification of contraceptives as essential medicines.

These and other provisions cloak the bill's "invisible" [intentions], Dosado said.

"We have to be unambiguous with our wording. That is where we object [to in] the bill," he said.

Not gov't policy

In another phone interview, former Health Secretary Alberto Romualdez said Ms Arroyo's pitch for natural family planning should not dissuade lawmakers from seeing the RH bill through.

"It's a personal commitment that she's not imposing on the rest of the government," Romualdez said, adding that proof of this was Social Welfare Secretary Esperanza Cabral's declaration that she was holding to her stand that couples should be given a choice between natural and artificial contraception.

Said Cabral over dzMM: "Whatever was my personal opinion before the Sona, that remains until today."

But she said she would continue to promote government programs on responsible parenthood pending the approval of RH legislation by the House and the Senate.

"The existing directives like promoting responsible parenthood and promoting natural family planning, we will follow. What we just want is that apart from the natural family planning, we should have promotion and information on other methods," Cabral said.

These are "not mutually exclusive," she said.

Romualdez said that in his opinion, "It's OK for the President to hold an extreme belief as long as she does not impose it on others."

He said lawmakers should view Ms Arroyo's reiteration of her position as a message: "She knows there's a need to manage the population. So lawmakers should look at the bill as a population management method that we need to pass. Rather than be discouraged, they should be encouraged [to pass it]."

Romualdez held the health portfolio during the abbreviated term of President Joseph Estrada. He drew up a program to curb population, including distribution of contraceptives to the poor, but it had no chance to take off with Estrada's ouster in January 2001. *With reports from Tonette Orejas in Pampanga; Kristine L. Alave in Manila*





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Are we better off today than before GMA?

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Long-term reforms take the backseat

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Material things useless in death, GMA and gang reminded



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INQUIRER Northern Luzon

Breaking free from 'circle of poison'

By Maurice Malanes
La Trinidad, Benguet

FARMER-ENTREPRENEUR ARDAN COPAS GREW up in Buguias, Benguet, the country's tropical vegetable capital, where chemicals have long been used as quick fixes for crop growth and diseases. Now, he seeks to break free from chemical dependence in farming.

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Quick fixes

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UPLAND farms in Benguet, like this in Kabayan town, have long depended on chemical inputs to grow vegetables.

Health problems

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Voice in the wilderness

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Fishermen find ways to survive fuel crisis

By Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
Bolinao, Pangasinan

JOSE BOLLY BAGOR WAS GLOOMY WHEN HE reached his home in Bolinao town in Pangasinan. He had been fishing for 15 hours at sea in his small boat but caught only two small tuna.



ONLY two small fish to feed his family, fisherman Jose Bolly Bagor laments after spending 15 hours at sea.

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Saving on gasoline

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Fish scare

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Bigger boats

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The wonders of 'kolkolis'

By Frank Cimatu
Baguio City

SONGAREN PAPAYO, 66, was 7 years old when his family decided to return to Besao, Mt. Province, after languishing in the mines of Itogon, Benguet.



SONGAREN Papayo, 66, practices "kolkolis," a reflexology skill he learned when he was a boy.

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Healthy

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Across the NATION

Transition gov't seen for Muslims

COTABATO CITY—THE fine print of an agreement that could lead to a "transition government" in Muslim-dominated areas in Mindanao is the next item in the agenda of peace talks between the government and the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front.



MORO women take part in a recent rally for peace in General Santos City.

N. Cotabato execs ask SC to stop MILF pact

Gunmen stop van, rob passengers, execute 4 in Lanao del Norte

School officials seek removal of PE, Rizal courses



WET BAGUIO

Buses collide; 11 killed, more than 30 injured

Suspension of Samar gov has yet to be enforced



Baguio fails to get calamity declaration

Cops take back 13 stolen vehicles dumped in Cebu

BCDA assures access to farms in SCTEx route



A PORTION of the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEx) that is now open to motorists.

CLARK FREEPORT—THE BASES Conversion Development Authority has been addressing the concerns of farmers in Concepcion, Tarlac, whose farming activities have been disrupted by the construction of the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway, an official of the state firm said.

Robert Gervacio, BCDA spokesperson for SCTEx, denied neglect, saying the BCDA has been working to deliver its commitments based on the December 2005 memorandum of agreement and November 2007 supplemental MOA with the local government.

"We are assuring the farmers that the BCDA is still here. We are meeting our obligations and we are not leaving until we finished the work," Gervacio said.

He gave the assurance as some 200 farmers on Friday staged pickets to demand the completion of overpasses, construction of service roads to their farms, installation of drainage canals to prevent the flooding of farms and release of their revised land titles.

They timed their protests with the opening of the Clark-Tarlac segment of the SCTEx on July 25.

The farmers said the lack of access to their farms prevented them from harvesting their full-grown palay.

Only three of eight overpasses have yet to be finished. Safety measures and the installation of power transmitters delayed the construction, it was learned.

It was Capas Mayor Noel Villanueva who identified the locations of the overpasses, not the BCDA, Gervacio said, adding that the service road for the overpass in Barangay Lipayo 2 is being done.

The BCDA committed to spend P19.866 million for the construction of service roads when the local government agreed to reduce the number of overpasses from 18 to eight.

The local government would shoulder construction costs beyond that amount, according to the document signed by Villanueva and BCDA president Narciso Abaya.

Gervacio said the completion of the Lipayo 2 service road was delayed because Villanueva asked for irrigation pipes to install. The new barangay captain, Jesus Lising, opted to have a service road, however.

"I think they should settle things among themselves," Gervacio said.

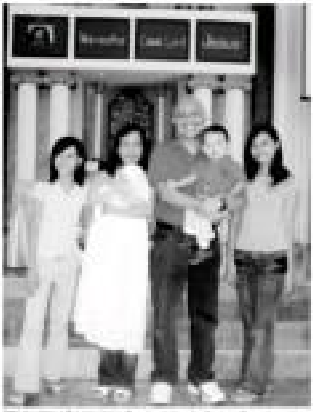
Villanueva, however, blamed the contractor.

Gervacio said local officials would have to help the BCDA obtain right-of-way for the service roads.

Villanueva said the BCDA seeks his help "only when they can't solve the problem."

Gervacio ruled this out, adding that consultations were regularly made with local officials.

Villanueva has sued the BCDA for the delays but a local court has denied his motion to issue an injunction against the agency. *—Tonette Orejas, Inquirer Central Luzon*



Magdalo officer's wife hopes to see better times in 2010

By Nikko Dizon

'We felt responsible'

Dad and mom role

Living a day at a time

Stronger than before

Ombudsman lacks lawyers to go after erring military officials

By Jocelyn R. Uy



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Lack of resources

Office of Special Prosecutor

Lack of sufficient evidence

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Rigidly hierarchical

2010 polls a threat to reforms

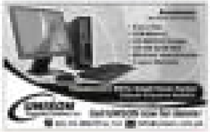
AFP still confident it will wipe out Reds in 2010

By Alcuin Papa

THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES reported yesterday no major accomplishment for the second quarter of this year. Still, Chief of Staff Gen. Alexander Yano said the AFP is optimistic it could still meet its 2010 deadline to wipe out the communist rebellion.

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Cop probed for car in motel parking lot

Lawman claims he only wanted patrol vehicle's blinker repaired

A POLICE CAR LEFT IN THE PARKING LOT OF A motel in Pasay City created a commotion at dawn yesterday, sending two police officials and several media men rushing to the scene to find out the identity of the driver of the vehicle.



DANGEROUS TRADE

Teenagers jump off a moving dump truck after searching the vehicle for discarded stuff they can sell to junkyards.

Disarmed

Patrol cars powered by used cooking oil-diesel mix

Eviction report alarms Baseco Compound tenants



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Leviste to present witness in Makati trial today

QC gov't set to auction off movie theater to fund new hospital

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Woman accused of illegal recruitment nabbed

3 men charged with estafa



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Single mom needs help

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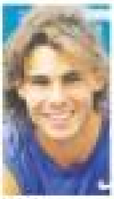
US basketball players (top to bottom) Carlos Boozer, Dwight Howard, Chris Paul, LeBron James and Dwyane Wade warm up during a training session in the Venetian Macao-Resort-Hotel in Macao.

Will 'lightning' Bolt strike twice in Beijing?

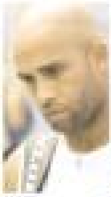


WORLD'S FASTEST Usain Bolt of Jamaica competes in the men's 200m in the Aviva London Grand Prix.

Federer, Borg team up against McEnroe and, perhaps, Nadal



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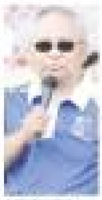


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10-year rehab plan for sequestered bank

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE GOVERNMENT HAS SIGNED A P30-BILLION fresh cash infusion program for United Coconut Planters Bank as part of a 10-year state-assisted rehabilitation program for the sequestered bank, Finance Undersecretary Roberto Tan said yesterday.

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IMF sees US-led global credit crunch worsening

THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY Fund has warned that the US credit crunch may still worsen and spread from Wall Street to main-street commercial banks, prolonging global risk aversion especially to Asian emerging markets.

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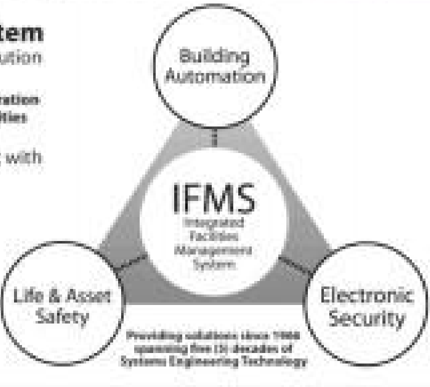


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Bangko Sentral sees July inflation at 11.2-12%

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS yesterday said year-on-year inflation rate in July was expected to range from 11.2 to 12 percent due to high costs of oil, utilities and unprocessed food items.

The central bank's inflation forecast was announced yesterday by BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr.

The upper end of the forecast would be the highest inflation rate, or average increase in prices of goods consumed by a typical household, to be seen by the country since February 1994, when inflation hit 12.1 percent.

"The forecast takes into account the impact of typhoons, high prices of certain food items and the rise in oil and utilities prices during the month," Tetangco said.

"While the inflation rate may be higher, it indicates some moderation in pace," he said.

A recent report to the BSP's policy-making Monetary Board on the 12-month inflation outlook showed that consumer price increases would continue to follow a hump-shaped path. The rise in consumer prices was expected to peak in September to October this year at slightly above 12 percent but this would slide below 6 percent by July next year.

In a recent presentation, BSP Deputy Governor Diwa Guinigundo said the BSP would remain focused on promoting price stability.

"In its latest policy move, the BSP recognized the need for more decisive monetary action to stem risks to inflation expectations and the long-term cost to output growth from prolonged high inflation," he said.

Guinigundo said the BSP would be prepared to take all necessary actions to address the threat of high inflation and promote price stability.

The central bank's latest inflation outlook—which will result in an average consumer price increase of 9-11 percent this year and 6.8 percent in 2009—assumed modest increases in wages and transport fares through next year.

An increase in the minimum wage of 5.5 percent or P20 per day was assumed for this year and 6.3 percent or P25 per day next year. Also factored in was an additional P1 hike in jeepney and bus fares by May next year.

The BSP has also kept its assumed peso-dollar exchange rate of 42-45 and an average oil price of $115-$120 per barrel based on Dubai crude for this year and next year.

The Monetary Board recently raised its overnight borrowing rate by 50 basis points to reach 5.75 percent. This brought the total interest rate hikes in the last two months to 75 basis points.

Business Buzz

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sector-funded.

The rationale behind the project is clear, if only to stress the importance of a premiere international gateway and the role it plays in economic progress.

Like many ambitious projects in this country, however, the proof of the pudding is in the eating. So it remains to be seen if this plan can actually get off the ground. Corvis E. Martinez

BUSINESS

PAL claims $30-M net profit in 2008

By Riza T. Olchondra

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Container traffic ups PPA revenue

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Editor: Cesar D. Mangawang

MOTORING



GRASS GUZZLER. A camel at Paradizoo farm resort in Mendez, Cavite, fills up its own fuel tank as the "Mite-y 4" and Prius seemingly look on with wide-eyed amazement.

Give way to the 'Mite-y 4' convoy!

By Tessa R. Salazar

HERE'S A RIDDLE. What has 16 wheels, runs on a 4.5-liter engine, carries 24 passengers, costs around P1.7 million, and has an average fuel economy of 7 km/liter in the city, 11 km/liter on the flat highway, and 12.5 km/liter on rolling terrain?

Life must go on despite stifling fuel prices. In the short run, Pinoy drivers may find the Chinese- and Japanese-made compact cars an easier way to adapt, but in the long run, it may be the hybrids that will save the world

Toyota Prius



Extended warranty, a boon for Filipinos



Save that gas money!

Give way to the 'Mite-y 4' convoy!







False prophets

MY DRIFT



Andre Palma

Seen as bad form

Merely 'guesstimates'





HYUNDAI's newest subcompact car

Hyundai's newest babies make first steps in RP

Genesis

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FORD ESCAPE NBX

The bold, tough and authentic SUV

Superior drivability

Signature tough exterior

Stylish, comfortable interiors

Unrivaled safety



FORD Escape NBX

Irri tests fuel-saving Toyota Prius

Concern for environment



TOYOTA Prius

MOTORING

A taste of Cherys



THE CHERY Tiggo 1.6 MT

ON THE ROAD



Aida Sevilla-Mendoza

WHEN THE OLYMPIC GAMES OPEN ON Aug. 8, the Chery A5 hybrid sedan will drive onto the world stage as the official car of the 2008 Beijing Olympics. [illegible]

Surprising

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Visibility

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A PANORAMIC view of the road from inside the Chery QQ.

Heavy

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THE 1.6-LITER DOHC, 16-valve Chery Tiggo SUV



THE CHERY QQ3



LIFESTYLE Home & Entertaining
Editor Thelma Sioson San Juan Contributing Editor Liz B. Bernardo




MOSQUITO net provides more than a good night's sleep

How to protect your home from dengue

THERE'S BEEN AN ALARMING rise in the incidence of dengue fever, which is carried by the dreaded Aedes aegypti mosquitoes. This rainy season, there is more reason to take precautions against it.


STARLIGHT Citronella candle

Keep in mind that mosquitoes thrive in stagnant water and cool dark areas. So keep your home safe and clean.

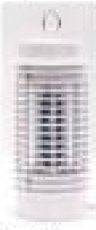
Drain under sinks, cover water containers and clean your drains.

There shouldn't be any stagnant water—not even in flower vases. Check those water receptacles you keep in your backyard.

Here are products to fight mosquitoes:

■ Insect bite busters. Off Lotion has an eight-hour protection, and has a new Deet-free formula.

■ E Mosquito Killers have soft machine lighting and give continuous mosquito protection. These have ultraviolet bulbs to attract insects, which are then eliminated by the high-voltage current.


AMERICAN Heritage Electronic Mosquito Killer

■ Starlight Citronella Candle will not only give your room a warm glow and the wonderful scent of citronella, but will also offer lasting natural protection from mosquito bites.

■ Fumigation machines like the Mini Electric Sprayer are compact and can be used in homes, offices and other public places to strike hard on mosquito habitats.

■ Protective bed nets. For added protection, spray Vectrona 10 EW on the nets or on walls and surfaces where mosquitoes and other insects settle.

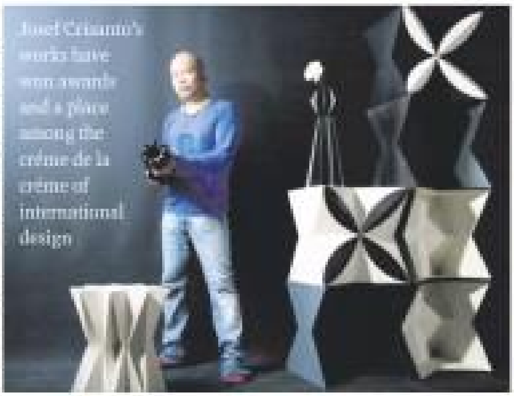
These are all available at the Hardware stores in SM malls.


INSECT repellent



Pinoy home accessories designer wows 'em in Europe





Higher learning



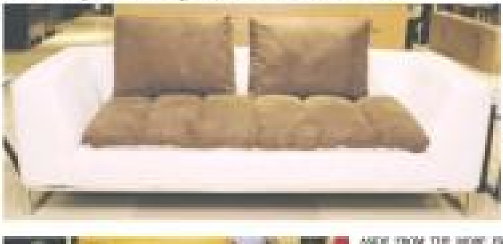
Versatile creation

The Imelda association





Do-it-yourself

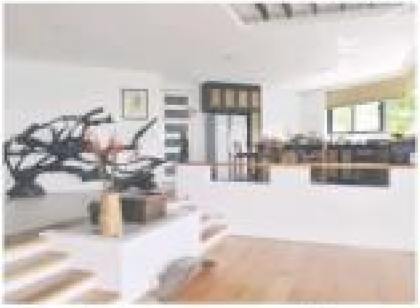




How to dress up your sofa







New home amid monumental nature

"I CAN SAY THAT GOOD FATE IS GUIDING me," says Rosemary Cragg, as she stares outside her bedroom window, into the lush greenery that covers the slopes of Mt. Makiling. Serendipitous or not, Rosemary has certainly found herself in a pristine place, halfway around the world from her home in the UK.

It was her studying Japanese in university, and traveling to Asia as she moved on to graduate studies and after that eventually led her to the Philippines. More than 20 years after her visit to Manila and various provinces, she has fallen in love with the culture and the natural beauty the country has to offer.

"I was out in Makati for lunch with a friend, when we realized we still had half an hour to spare," she recounts. Her friend had just purchased a lot in Ayala Greenfield Estates and showed Rosemary the grandiose views the place had to offer.

"I moved here for the view," she says. "It was because of the greenery, the beauty of the place." Rosemary's property fronts the mystical silhouette of Mt. Makiling, which stretches high up into the clouds. "There are days when you can't even see the village here. Just mist and low clouds," she says.

Although Rosemary had always imagined herself retiring in a centuries-old home in her native UK, halfway between London and Scotland, she is content with her Asian home.

"Designing the home was a two-way process," she says. Rosemary likes her architect's idea of open space planning-rooms without walls that flowed into each other seamlessly and gracefully. When one walks through the vertical-slatted front door of the house, one is greeted with a staircase that takes you to the private quarters upstairs, or the area for guests and visitors below. The living room is airy with large windows that frame the picturesque view outside. No barriers lie between the living area and the kitchen, save for a wooden ledge where visitors like to sit and lay down their things.

Rosemary's love for natural wood is evident throughout the structure, with its waxed wooden floors and sculptural, organic wood pieces that she uses as furniture and decorative pieces. Her love for wood is accompanied by an affinity for the unparalleled Filipino craftsmanship that goes into shaping them and forming them into functional pieces.

"In the UK, people would have to study more going on in the living area," says Rosemary. "I noticed that here, people usually retreat into their rooms. Because of that, I knew I wanted a room that would be big enough to live in—not just sleep in."



LIVING space that communes with nature

The master's bedroom is a testament to that keen observation. Its room is spacious and breezy, large enough for Rosemary to have her reside there. The white walls of the space, she says, are washed in colors that change throughout the day. "Who needs drapes when you have this view?" she laughs. "It's lovely to wake up in the morning and see all this greenery—the mountain, the clouds on her bed, a view of the golf course ... I'm happy spending my time here."

Ayala Greenfield Estates is an exclusive 250-hectare residential development located in Calamba, Laguna. About half an hour from Alabang by car, this unique neighborhood with its own private golf course and country club is also anticipated to be less than an hour from Makati once the ongoing refurbishment of the South Luzon Expressway is completed. An extensive range of amenities, such as a 15-hectare Nature Park, restaurant, fitness gym, infinity pool, and indoor and outdoor tennis, basketball, and badminton courts, enables residents to live a privileged country club lifestyle every day, surrounded by the tranquility of nature. Call [illegible], log on to www.ayalagreenfield.com or e-mail [illegible]

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CRAGG'S property fronts the mystical silhouette of Mt. Makiling.

New hotel aims to usher in Manila's cultural renaissance

Goings On



PHILIPPINE BRITISH SOCIETY INDUCTION

Midyear break at Discovery Suites

Celebration of laughter and drama



One happy house for kids

Child Haus, a dormitory for kids undergoing medical treatment, welcomes donations



LIFESTYLE Home & Entertaining



STYLE and elegance meet in this simple yet elegant setting with china from the Get the Bunny collection by Royal Doulton.



OUR first setup is an innovative yet simple way to liven up a family lunch at home or a vacation house. Jonathan Adler designed ... dining ware for the Happy Home series of Presidio Objects whose other designer is famed Rachel Ray. Here we used different sizes of serving trays as charger and plate combined with a simple white serving tray from the Bowl Line. But you can easily substitute any white or beige china from your everyday ware to break the design. For entertaining outdoors by the pool, we found some Italian acrylic glasses—this one in purple for coolness. Flatware is by Robert Welch.

Try these new table settings

By Liz Bernardo
Contributor

Here are three table-setting ideas that are perfect for when company comes over or when you want a fresh take on a family meal

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Sporty goes tailored, upbeat, sexy



Three designers reinvent activewear for health buffs, serious athletes and the party crowd

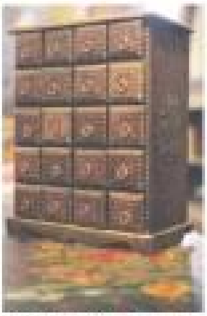
Ivarluski Aseron

Randy Ortiz

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Boho chic comes to Manila



Bohemian Nation seeks to satisfy every craving for Indian design





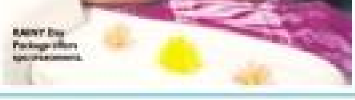


BEAUTIFULLY hand-crafted door of solid teak wood

Country club's rainy-day treats



BOWLING at Mount Malarayat Golf & Country Club



RAINY Day Package offers spa treatments.

Try these new table settings

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FOR A MORE dramatic setting, try Kosina glass pieces from the FPV line. The charger is a clear glass with a leaf design, while the base of dessert plate is of a smaller leaf design in green combined with plain white china. The unique napkin rings are made from amethyst chips arranged in a floral pattern. The glassware is by Luigi Bormioli.



THE FRIGATE "Libertad"



UNITED Arab Emirates Ambassador Ebrahim Abowald, Argentine Deputy Head of Mission Jorge Francisco Ramos and "Libertad" Commander Guillermo Tabonec

Argentine naval training ship visits Manila

THE ARGENTINE NAVAL TRAINING school ship Frigate ARA "Libertad" recently paid a goodwill visit to Manila as part of the graduation exercises of batch 137 of the Argentine Navy.

This was the fourth time Libertad visited Manila. The ship was also here in 1985, 1978 and 1987.

The Libertad embarked on its 39th voyage on April 7 from Buenos Aires, Argentina, docking at the ports of South Africa, Mauritius, Seychelles Islands, India, Malaysia and the Philippines.

From Manila, the ship is now sailing toward China, South Korea, Japan, Guam, New Caledonia, Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, and crossing the Pacific to Chile and Uruguay before returning to the port of Buenos Aires in December.

The voyage is led by Captain "NM Juan José Iglesias who has been commanding the ship since December 2007. Libertad moored at Pier 15 of Manila South Harbor opposite the Presidential Yacht, "Ang Pangulo," just behind the historical Manila Hotel.

The crew is composed of midshipmen finishing their last year of training at the Argentine Naval Academy as well as special guests from foreign navies and university graduates.

This is the second trip of Libertad after her midlife repairs and first time the ship visited Manila with female officers and cadets.

In Manila, the ship hosted an on-deck reception attended by local authorities, members of the diplomatic corps, officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Philippine Navy and Coast Guard, businessmen and members of the media.

The event was reciprocated the following evening by the Philippine Navy, which hosted a welcome reception and a cultural performance.

Iglesias, accompanied by Argentine Ambassador to the Philippines Mario Schoff, paid courtesy calls at the City of Manila Mayor's office, Philippine Navy General Headquarters and Office the District Director of the Manila Police.

The Department of Tourism, in coordination with the Argentine Embassy, prepared a series of tours to the main cultural and historical sites of Manila to familiarize the future Argentine navy officers with the history of the Philippines.

Libertad was also visited by Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto Romulo and members of the Philippine Navy staff.

With the Philippines being a major power in the seafaring industry, the ship was thrown open to visits from the leading maritime training schools and companies like the Philippine Maritime Institute and Philippine Transmarine Carriers, among others, to allow future Filipino seafarers to learn more about Argentina's shipping industry and maritime traditions.

On July 9 a ceremony was held on board the Libertad, led by Schoff and Iglesias to mark the 192th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of Argentina, with an awarding of distinguished officers of the ship.

The ship also received the visit of members of the Argentine community in the Philippines.



"LIBERTAD" Captain Juan José Iglesias, Argentine Ambassador Mario Schoff and Inquirer board chair Marixi Prieto



IGLESIAS, Italian Ambassador Rubens Anna Fedele and Schoff



SOUTH Korean Ambassador Choi Joonho Hernandez, Schoff and Iglesias



IGLESIAS, Schoff and US Ambassador Kristie Ann Kenney

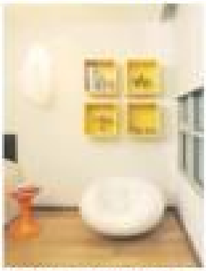


CONSUL of the Embassy of the Republic of Colombia George Arciniega, Embassy of the Republic of Colombia Chargé D' Affaires Paola Marquez de Arciniega, Schoff (partly hidden) and Iglesias



PHILIPPINE Maritime Institute president Ricardo Oloria-Garcia and Malacañang Chief Protocol Jedi Tuason

Ed Calma's eye for detail and geometry



FOR AN androgynous room, the theme is in the accessories—the wooden mosaic bowl, Philippe Starck's Ghost chair. Graphic shapes unite all the unique elements in the room. The focal point is the Bigas wall by Bouroullec brothers.

Calma's design favors clean lines, linear shapes, deep rich woods and accessories positioned carefully and sparingly

By Margo C. Enriquez
Contributor
Photos by Jo Chua

NEWLY-CERTIFIED ARCHITECT EDUARDO Calma has always been consistent with his vision.

Contemporary in approach, he prefers to talk about space rather than objects. After all, with sleek finishes and clean lines, what else do you need?

His colors are non-colors—deep earthy tones from elegant wood veneers that stand out against whitewashed walls and highlight geometric shapes.

This vision is reflected in the two-bedroom model unit of East Tower at One Serendra, the high-rise phase of this development at Bonifacio Global City. The two-bedroom units are about 107 sq m while the two-bedroom suites are 142 sq m.

These units feature open kitchens, spacious balconies, quality fixtures and finishes such as engineered oak plank flooring in the public areas, homogeneous tiles in the bathroom and granite counter tops in the kitchen.

Working within these parameters, Calma has designed a space for a startup family, the breadwinner being an architect. Other designers may create a space by lowering the ceiling, playing up with the floor level or using a rug or screen.

To make the most out of a condo space,

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A CEILING installation, dressed with [illegible], becomes a wall relief and defines the dining area

THE CONSUMER
Linda B. Bolido

Banning plastic bags from retail stores

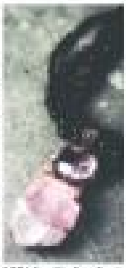
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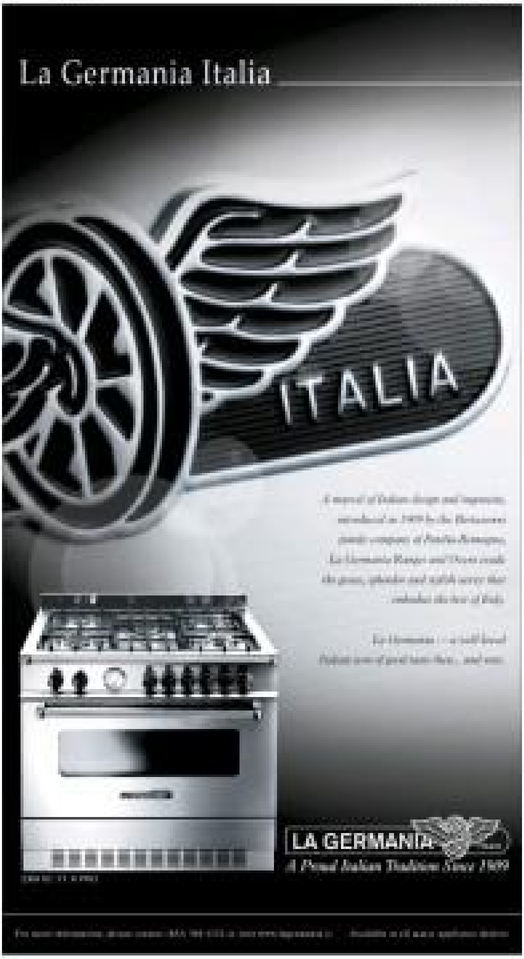


Top jewelry designers, artists in 'Aritos y Otros'













Ed Calma's eye for detail and geometry





Sleek shapes





A beauty and spa countdown for brides and grooms

One month to go

Turn your hubby-to-be into a spa buddy

Two weeks to go

One week to go

Four days to go

Two days to go

One day to go

ENTERTAINMENT



Tonyboy still CEO of TV5

By Marinel R. Cruz

STARTING AUG. 8, THE NETWORK KNOWN since 1992 as Associated Broadcasting Company (ABC) 5, will be called TV5.

MPB Primedia Inc., local subsidiary of the Malaysian conglomerate Media Prima Berhad, entered into "a long-term block-airtime agreement" with ABC 5 head Antonio "Tonyboy" Cojuangco.

A source explained: "TV5 is the brand, but the corporate name is still ABC 5, and Tonyboy is still its CEO."

A musical extravaganza airing on Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. will inaugurate the newly dubbed network.

In a statement, Christopher Sy, MPB Primedia CEO, said TV5 will air "innovative, relevant and spirited" programs. [illegible]

According to a network insider, [illegible]

TONYBOY G3

Charlie Green is really brown

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

MOM CECILLE Sumergo is sure: "He's one of us."

She means that her son Charlie Green, the 11-year-old US-British jazz prodigy who wowed audiences and judges (including toughie Simon Cowell) on the UK reality contest "Britain's Got Talent," [illegible]

Charlie is in Manila for a three-week-long visit, thanks to ABS-CBN [illegible]

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CHARLIE G3

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NOW SHOWING

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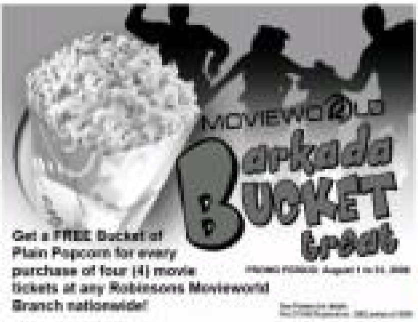


Not a villain forever



Wagging tongues

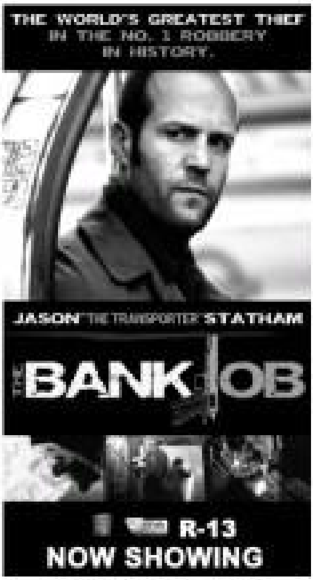








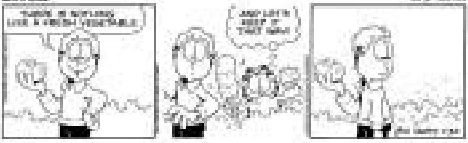
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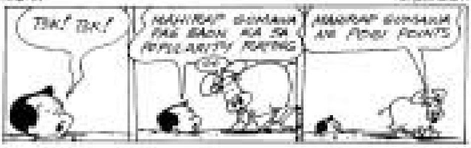


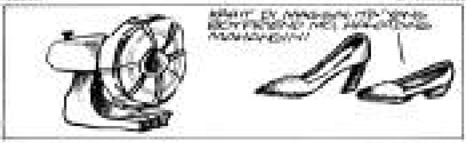


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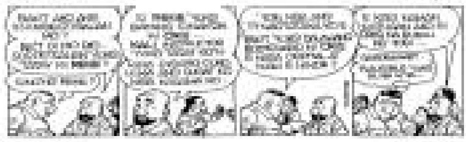


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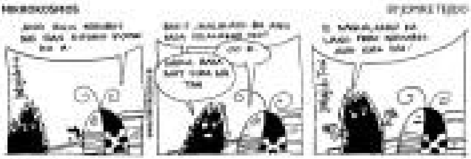




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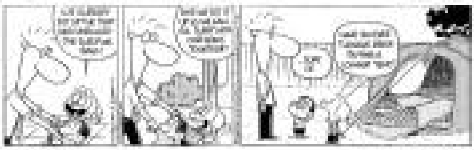


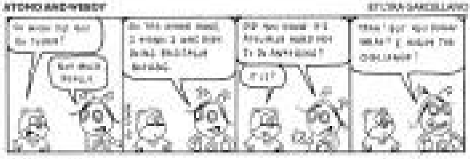


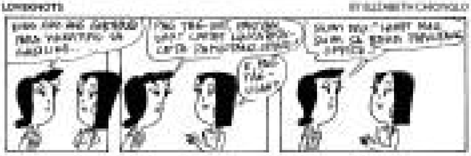




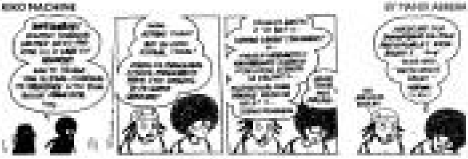
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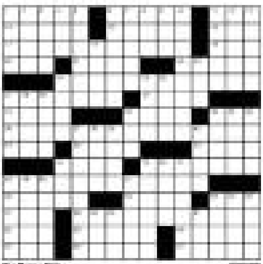
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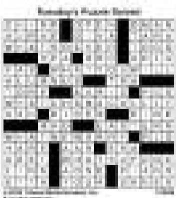


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CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

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	1						5	
5				7				2
2				3				5
1	7			8	2	9		6
9								3
4								9
	6			2			7	
		5	8	4	6	3		

Difficulty Level ★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

8	3	5	9	1	4	6	7	2
7	4	6	5	8	2	9	1	3
9	2	1	7	3	6	8	4	5
4	1	9	6	2	8	5	3	7
3	7	8	1	5	9	2	6	4
6	5	2	3	4	7	1	9	8
2	6	7	8	9	3	4	5	1
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A war and a showdown

RUSHES

Boracay showdown

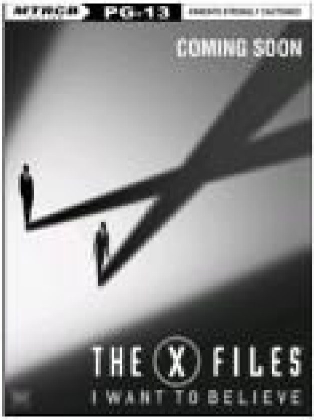
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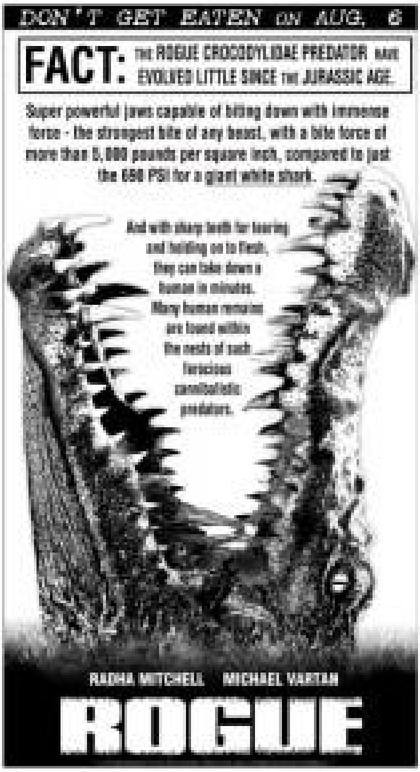
Don't mention it





Tonyboy…

Suppliers





ENTERTAINMENT



Sam Milby and Anne Curtis



JOEY Reyes and Gina Alajar present industry issues that need to be addressed.

CHEER FACTOR

2 RP films to Venice

TWO FILIPINO films, [illegible] "Melancholia" and [illegible] "Tag" will compete with at least 16 other films in the Orizzonti section of the 65th Venice Film Festival, [illegible]

[illegible]

Bayani San Diego Jr.

State of show biz address

I ASKED TWO SHOW BIZ ICONS, GINA Alajar and Direk Joey Reyes, what issues they would focus on to uplift the industry, if they were to do a State of Show Biz Address. Change is good if we all change together.

GINA ALAJAR: [illegible]

JOEY REYES: [illegible]

[illegible]

DOLLY WOOD



Dolly Anne Carvajal

X Girl

"My goal is to have a 22-inch waistline," Kathryn Hallili says. [illegible]

[illegible]

Celebrity fans

Sam Milby and Anne Curtis [illegible]

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David Cook January concert in RP

A SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM David Cook himself had the web fan site buzzing with excitement, especially from its Filipino subscribers: "American Idol"'s Season 7 champ is coming to Manila for a concert.

[illegible]

DID YOU KNOW...

[illegible]

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State of show biz address

New girl

[illegible]

Alicia in Manila

[illegible]

New band

[illegible]

David Cook . . .

[illegible]

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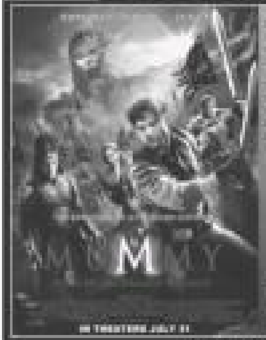
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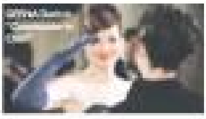
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Hallmark movies focus on women

HOW WILL THE NATION'S FIRST FEMALE commander in chief break out of her traditional roles and handle the pressures of running a country while raising a family?

Geena Davis plays the role of a powerful leader, [illegible] wife and conflicted mother in "Commander in Chief," which has a special two-hour premiere on Aug. 2, 9 p.m. at the Hallmark Channel.

Other Hallmark movies:

- "[illegible] Apocalypse" (Aug. 16, 9 p.m.), about Los Angeles being hit by a series of [illegible] that turn the landscape into a wasteland.
- "Beautiful Girl" (Aug. 24, 9 p.m.), about a girl who must step into the world of beauty pageants to win a [illegible].
- "Innocence and Missing" (Aug. 31, 9 p.m.), about how a mother's [illegible] when her own daughter disappears.

'Angel Rodriguez'

[illegible] in "Angel Rodriguez," an HBO Original Movie about a social worker named [illegible] who takes in an inner-city teen named Angel (Jonan Everett) after the boy is thrown out of his home by his [illegible] father [illegible].

Premiering in HBO on Aug. 5 at 9 p.m., the drama takes place in a single day and touches on the complicated relationship between parent figure and foster child.



Jonan Everett as Angel

RP's 'Project Runway'

"Project Runway Philippines," the local adaptation of the hit US TV show that aims to discover talented local designers, makes its debut on ETC today at 10 p.m.

[illegible] Entertainment, the show's producer, gathered 14 aspiring designers to compete in a series of creative challenges.

Competing for the P500,000 cash prize are [illegible].

[illegible]

Opening This Week



A Very Special Love

Stars John Lloyd Cruz, Sarah Geronimo, [illegible]

Directed by Cathy Garcia-Molina

[illegible]

Paalam Aking Bulalakaw

Stars [illegible]

Directed by [illegible] de la Cruz

[illegible]

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor

Stars Brendan Fraser, Jet Li, Michelle Yeoh, Maria Bello, John Hannah

Directed by Rob Cohen

[illegible]